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Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	76	9	6
Annual Member-	17	8	–
New Members			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	93	17	6
Total			
	116		



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of February includes:

Gary Barr Chris Kalwa Pat Sharkey

Bill Merrill Tim Muniz George Owings

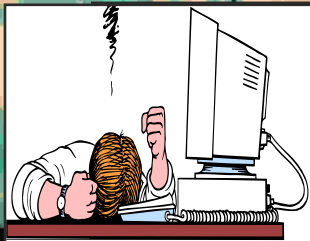
NOTE – *If you were born in February and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

Quotation

Since 1775 the United States Marines have upheld a fine tradition of service to their country. They are doing so today. I am confident they will continue to do so. “

Franklin D. Roosevelt





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Anyone planning to attend the Department of Maryland Convention as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify Joe Wright or myself. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2020 Nominations for the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be accepted until 23 March 2020. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines on our Web page

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2020 – 2021 We will begin the nomination process at the next detachment meeting; so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

Commandant,
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

The deadline for all March newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 23 March, 2020 Please do not wait until the last minute!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **February 2020** Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at **VFW Post 160**, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

NOTE – *The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact*

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 24 February @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment nominations-1st round

February 27 Mid-winter Conference in Norfolk.

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 23 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment nominations-2nd round
Detachment ELECTIONS

March 21st Bull & Oyster Roast Place American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

Leadership College - Department of Maryland MCL April TBA 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Harry L Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 27 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

May 7- 8 & 9 2020 Department Convention
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

Jun 5 2020 Golf Tournament

Jun 19 2020 Med-East Conference in VA Beach

Aug 9 Nat'l Convention Daytona Beach



Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines

Winter is drawing to an end and the weather seems to be getting better. The Mid-Winter conference is coming up February 27th thru February 29th and we would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do.

We had our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which was held February 11th and a new web site has been set up for this event. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so if you would like to be a part of this please let us know.

As all of you know the annual Bull and Oyster Roast is our only way of raising funds for our operating expenses so please help sell tickets for this event on March 21st. I hope to see all of our old friends and meet some new friends at this event.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



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Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



No Report

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Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

DATE: Friday April 17th, 2020

TIME: 7 P.M. til 9:15 P.M.

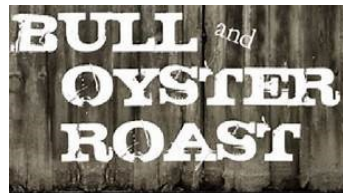
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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 February

1967 Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

20 February

1815 Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February

1962 Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February

1945 Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February

1991 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February

1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

26 February

1991 A Marine recon unit was the first U.S. force to enter Kuwait City and retake the American Embassy.

28 February

1991: Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 February

1967 PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

We have the 50/50 tickets for the Department of Maryland fund raiser for the Department convention in May 2020 so please help out and buy a couple. I will have them at all meetings until the event in May..

We have our annual Bull and Oyster Roast to March 21st and the flyer will be coming out soon.

We had our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 5th Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so if you would like to part of this please let us know.



Here is the newly revised 2020 Oath of Regular Membership

Oath of Membership

"I, (Your Name), In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and that I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Presenting Color 22 February 2020 American Legion post 276 will host the "Mostly Bluegrass" Marathon Jam to benefit Fisher house

Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** at the following number **(410) 647-9655**



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You must be a member in good standing and either the registered owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

Contact the Department License Plate Chairman, Craig Reeling, at 443-477-0670 or Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org



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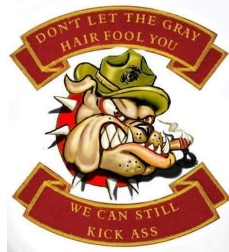
Pound 204 will Growl at 0900 on 8 March at the Pound Dog House, with the detachment providing breakfast and the VFW providing bloody Mary's

All Pups report to Sir Mad Dog (PDD Bowman) NLT 0800 for fun and games.

Lets welcome our new Pup Burt Helmka

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
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Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

Our Bull & Oyster Roast on 21 March is the only fund-raiser we conduct, where 100% of the proceeds go to our detachment (that means all of us). The best way for each of you to help is to buy tickets for you, your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Then come and enjoy a great meal and some serious socializing. The next best way you can help is to buy one ticket, showing your support for the detachment

By the time you receive this we will be 3-4 weeks away from are Bull & Oyster Roast. I'm not getting much support guys & gals on ticket sale. Please remember this is are kick off fund raiser. We can't support handing out donations unless we raise funds to do so. Please support the Detachments endeavors so we can support others. Also a bottle of liquor or wine donation is needed for are basket of cheers. Thank you for your support
Semper FI
Burt



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Marine would like some visitors....Buddy Cagle, a member of Detachment 1049, is currently residing at Hammonds Lane Center, 613 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn, MD 21225. Please make the time to drop by and visit. I'm sure that Buddy will be happy to see you. Scout master Jim Dunne of Troop 216, our special needs Boy Scout Troop, is recovering from a stroke. Jims is getting better every day. Thoughts and prayers welcome.


On February 2nd Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow. Legend says that this is a sure sign that we can expect an early spring; however in the past decade Phil has only been right about 40% of the time. This tells us that Phil has pretty poor predictive skills and that you're better off trying to decide what February and March will look like by flipping a coin. Either way, six more weeks of winter or early spring we know that.

The golf tournament will be with us in early June so let's start recruiting golfers. It is always a great event and this year promises to be the best ever. Good golf, good food, great fun. Stay safe and well.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

January 27TH Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant David "Ben" Wells at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins. Members in Attendance:17

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life) Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015). Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Joseph Wright (2015). Woody Bowman (2014), Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019) NOTE: Don Benson is no longer District Vice. Harry Hierstetter has now taken Don's place.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins reported that Charlie Young is holding his own, per his wife. • Bill Collins reported the Sgt. Major we assisted who experienced PTSD is back to normal. • Jim Dunn is doing well, speech coming along good, losing weight with good diet, still some anxieties. • Bill Collins reported his granddaughter is performing in Camelot at the Maryland Hall of Performing Arts in Annapolis on February 14-15 if interested.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Minutes of December meeting were distributed via e-mail (newsletter) and posted on detachment web site. Ben Wells and Woody Bowman are not getting the minutes via email for unknown reason.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported a letter was received from MCL Foundation Jerry Devlin for monies to be donated toward the Foundation's scholarship fund. (Checking to see if this had already been done last month.)

Ben reported the next Department meeting will be held in Montgomery County on February 8th, 2020

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Burt Helmka reported there was \$4100 collected in lotto ticket sales. The Pound received \$1,600. The Detachment received \$675.

Burt reported the Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday March 21st. Tickets are \$45 per person. He has requested donations of booze for the Basket of Cheer raffle. Those catering the event do a good job.

JUDGE ADVOCATE Ray Sturm reported on an Open letter sent to the President of the United States from local citizen Frank Larkin concerning his son who suffered from PTSD and had TBI. Mr. Larkin's son was a Navy SEAL who committed suicide. Please read the letter and share it. (This is what we raise funds for through the golf tournament.)

Commandant Wells stated we need to wear our uniforms correctly when attending meetings or events. This has come down from above. If you are out of uniform, you will not be allowed to participate.

QUARTERMASTER: Bill Collins reported he has items for sale.

(Continue on Page 12)



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

MARINE OF THE YEAR: All voted for Marine of the Year.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address

TOYS FOR TOTS: Chairperson Chris Stevens reported fourteen thousand children received toys in 2019 from the Toys for Tots. Distribution went well with help from the active duty Marines and the Marine Corps League members.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported the unit participated in about 14 events in 2019, to include parades, funerals, American Legion events, schools, scouts, and presented Memorial Day Colors.

MARINE FOR LIFE: Ray Sturm reported he will be receiving a conference call tomorrow on the status of this. Additional information coming after the call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Dahling stated the website contract is for 5 years. The budget allots \$100 for the domain. Need additional \$80 for domain. Motion made and second to allocate \$180 for the 5-year renewal.

Ray Sturm reported they will be re-establishing contact with the Young Marines. Need to give additional monetary support to them for uniform changes (@\$300). They are changing from the Annapolis Young Marines to the Anne Arundel County Young Marines. Motions made to allocate no more than \$500 for the Young Marines to update their uniforms. Motion passed.

Burt Helmka suggested selling the lotto tickets again in the summer and to be drawn in October.

Ray Sturm stated we need to send a mailing to the members for updated contact information. Motion made to spend \$150 for stamps and envelopes to send to members. Motion passed

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben Wells stated the Golf tournament planning meeting will be coming up soon. Also, a planning meeting for the 5K will be held as well.

Nila Caulder thanked the Detachment for the Fisher House donation. Marathon Bluegrass Jam held at American Legion Post #276 Quarterfield Road on Saturday February 22, from noon til midnight, benefiting Fisher House Foundation. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CLOSING Ceremonies:

Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on 24 February 2020 Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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(Address Correction Requested)



A Marine field artillery chief inspects the position of the weapon systems during High Mobility Artillery Rocket System training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. A program to put a Marine missile launcher on a drone vehicle is under development. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Judith L. Harter)